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By: **Delegates Kelly and Owings**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Rules of the Road - Lane Changes**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the standard under which the driver of a vehicle is  
4 authorized to change lanes on certain roadways; and generally relating to traffic  
5 movement on certain roadways.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - Transportation  
8 Section 21-309(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Transportation  
13 Section 21-309(b)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 21-309.

20 (a) On any roadway that is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for  
21 vehicular traffic, the following rules, in addition to any others consistent with them,  
22 apply.

23 (b) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single  
24 lane and may not be moved from that lane or moved from a shoulder or bikeway into  
25 a lane until [the driver has determined that] it is safe to do so.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
27 effect October 1, 2004.

